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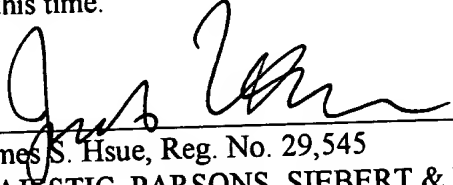
Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventors MEHRDAD NIKOONAHAD, GUOHENG ZHAO, ANDREI SHCHEGROV and BEN TSAI, for "OVERLAY ERROR DETECTION." Enclosed are:

1. Fifty-five (55) pages of the specification, including one-hundred and forty-three (143) claims and an abstract.
2. Seventeen (17) sheets of drawings.

The filing fee will be deferred at this time.

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